

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. By the present amendment, claims 1, 3, and 4 remain in the application while claim 1 has been amended. Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Labree (U.S. Patent No. 5,497,214), hereinafter “Labree”. Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations from the specification, thereby rendering the rejection moot. The amendments are supported by the disclosures in the specification (see pp. 10-11, para. [0026], and pp. 14-16, para. [0034]-[0038]).

Amended independent claim 1, in part, explicitly recites “the camera support section having a pan rotary section and a tilt rotary section” and “wherein the camera installation base and the camera support section are coupled by a coupling section having a fitting structure”. From the above, the amended claim 1 comprises the pan rotary section as the internal configuration of the camera support section, and in addition, the amended claim 1 features the coupling section other than the pan rotary section. On the other hand, as to Labree, the examiner regarded that the members 33-36 of Labree correspond to the coupling section of the present application. However, the members 33-36 of Labree merely configure the pan rotary mechanism rotating the camera 40 in the pan direction (see arrows in Fig. 3). Accordingly, Labree merely discloses the pan rotary section 33-36 but does not teach the coupling section with its fitting structure as set forth in claim 1. In addition, the structure of Labree is merely a rotary mechanism with 3 axes including the pan axis, perpendicular to each other. However, Labree

fails to teach the coupling section and its variable fitting structure other than the 3 axes rotary mechanism.

Amended independent claim 1 further recites “wherein the angle of the inclination of the coupling direction is 45 degrees, and the installation angle is changed by 180 degrees between a state of the camera installation base being installed on a ceiling and a state of the camera installation base being installed on a wall surface”. As mentioned above, Labree discloses a rotary mechanism with 3 axes perpendicular to each other. However, Labree fails to teach the above-mentioned feature of installing a camera on both of the ceiling and the wall surface.

As Labree fails to teach every limitation of claim 1, claim 1 and dependent claim 3 are not fully anticipated by the cited reference. Thus, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice and its limitations have been incorporated into amended claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Labree in view of Ryder (U.S. 2,498,137), hereinafter “Ryder”. As claim 4 depends from claim 1, Labree does not disclose that fails to disclose that the camera installation base is “coupled to a non-adjustable support arm” as is claimed in amended claim 1. Further, applicant respectfully submits that there is no teaching that the above limitations are disclosed in Ryder. Therefore, even if Labree were combined with Ryder, the combination of Labree and Ryder fail to teach or otherwise render obvious or predictable every limitation of claim 1. Thus, claim 4 is patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claim 1.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application

is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned agent to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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